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service and completion of any additional required examination.

[CGD 81-059a, 55 FR 14802, Apr. 18, 1990, as amended by CGD 81-059a, 59 FR 10756, Mar. 8, 1994; CGD 95-072, 60 FR 50460, Sept. 29, 1995; USCG-1998-4442, 63 FR 52189, Sept. 30, 1998]

§10.551 Licenses for service on offshore supply vessels.

Each license for service on OSVs as Chief Engineer (OSV) or Engineer (OSV) authorizes service on OSVs as defined in 46 U.S.C. 2101(19) and as interpreted under 46 U.S.C. 14104(b), subject to any restrictions placed on the license.

[CGD 95-062, 62 FR 34532, June 26, 1997; CGD 95-062, 62 FR 40140, July 25, 1997]

§10.553 Chief Engineer (OSV).

- (a) Except as provided by paragraph (b) of this section, to qualify for a license as Chief engineer (OSV), an applicant shall present evidence that he or she meets the appropriate requirements of STCW Regulation III/2.
- (b) The OCMI may exempt an applicant from meeting any requirement under STCW Regulation III/2 that the OCMI determines to be inappropriate or unnecessary for service on an OSV, or that the applicant meets under the equivalency provisions of Article IX of STCW.

[CGD 95-062, 62 FR 34532, June 26, 1997]

§10.555 Engineer (OSV).

- (a) Except as provided by paragraph (b) of this section, to qualify for a license as Engineer (OSV), an applicant shall present evidence that he or she meets the appropriate requirements of STCW Regulation III/1.
- (b) The OCMI may exempt an applicant from meeting any requirement under STCW Regulation III/1 that the OCMI determines to be inappropriate or unnecessary for service on an OSV, or that the applicant meets under the equivalency provisions of Article IX of STCW.

[CGD 95-062, 62 FR 34533, June 26, 1997]

Subpart F—Licensing of Radio Officers

§10.601 Applicability.

This subpart provides for the licensing of radio officers for employment on vessels, and for the issue of STCW certificates or endorsements for those qualified to serve as radio operators on vessels subject to the provisions on the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) of Chapter IV of SOLAS.

[CGD 95-062, 62 FR 34533, June 26, 1997]

§ 10.603 Requirements for radio officers' licenses, and STCW certificates or endorsements for GMDSS radio operators.

- (a) Each applicant for an original license or renewal of license shall present a current first or second class radiotelegraph operator license issued by the Federal Communications Commission. The applicant shall enter on the license application form the number, class, and date of issuance of his or her Federal Communications Commission license.
- (b) An applicant for license as radio officer shall apply for a merchant mariner's document under part 12. This document will be endorsed *See License as Radio Officer*.
- (c) The application must also include a completed form CG-2765 *Coast Guard Intelligence Agency Check Request.*
- (d) Each applicant who furnishes evidence that he or she meets the standard of competence set out in STCW Regulation IV/2, including the competence to transmit and receive information using subsystems of GMDSS, to fulfill the functional requirements of GMDSS, and to provide radio services in emergencies is entitled to hold an STCW certificate suitably endorsed for performing duties associated with GMDSS.
- (e) Evidence required by paragraph (d) of this section must include a certificate—
- (1) For operator of radio in the GMDSS issued by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC); and

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(2) Of completion from a Coast Guard-approved course for operator of radio in the GMDSS, or other approved programs of training and assessment covering the same areas of competence. [CGD 81-059, 52 FR 38623, Oct. 16, 1987, as amended by CGD 95-062, 62 FR 34533, June 26, 1997]

Subpart G—Professional Requirements for Pilot Licenses

SOURCE: CGD 81-059b, 52 FR 38659, Oct. 16, 1987 unless otherwise noted.

§10.701 Scope of pilot licenses and endorsements.

- (a) An applicant for a license as first class pilot need not hold any other license issued under this part. An individual holding a license as master, mate, or operator of uninspected towing vessels may apply for an endorsement as first class pilot for a specific route or routes in lieu of applying for a first class pilot's license.
- (b) The issuance of a license or endorsement as first class pilot to an individual qualifies that individual to serve as pilot over the route(s) specified on the license, subject to any limitations imposed under paragraph (c) of this section.
- (c) The Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection, issuing a license or endorsement as first class pilot, imposes appropriate limitations commensurate with the experience of the applicant, with respect to class or type of vessel, tonnage, route, and waters.
- (d) A license issued for service as a master, mate, or operator of uninspected towing vessels authorizes service as a pilot under the provisions of §15.812 of this subchapter. Therefore, first class pilot endorsements will not be issued with tonnage limitations of 1600 gross tons or less.

[CGD 81-059, 52 FR 38623, Oct. 16, 1987, as amended by CGD 81-059, 54 FR 144, Jan. 4, 1989]

§10.703 Service requirements.

(a) The minimum service required to qualify an applicant for a license as first class pilot, or for an endorsement as first class pilot on a license as master, mate, or operator of uninspected towing vessels, is predicated upon the nature of the waters for which pilotage is desired.

- (1) General routes (routes not restricted to rivers, canals and small lakes). The applicant must have at least 36 months service in the deck department of steam or motor vessels navigating on oceans, coastwise, Great Lakes, or bays, sounds, and lakes other than the Great Lakes, as follows:
- (i) 18 months of the 36 months service must be as quartermaster, wheelsman, able seaman, apprentice pilot, or in an equivalent capacity, standing regular watches at the wheel or in the pilothouse as part of routine duties.
- (ii) At least 12 months of the 18 months service required in paragraph (a)(1)(i) of this section must be on vessels operating on the class of waters for which pilotage is desired.
- (2) River routes. The applicant must have at least 36 months service in the deck department of any vessel including at least 12 months service on vessels operating on the waters of rivers while the applicant is serving in the capacity of quartermaster, wheelsman, apprentice pilot, or deckhand who stands watches at the wheel as part of routine duties.
- (3) Canal and small lakes routes. The applicant must have at least 24 months service in the deck department of any vessel including at least 8 months service on vessels operating on canals or small lakes.
- (b) A graduate of the Great Lakes Maritime Academy in the deck class meets the service requirements of this section for a license as first class pilot on the Great Lakes.
- (c) Completion of a course of pilot training approved by the Commanding Officer, National Maritime Center, under subpart C of this part may be substituted for a portion of the service requirements of this section in accordance with §10.304. Additionally, round trips made during this training may apply toward the route familiarization requirements of §10.705. An individual using substituted service must have at least nine months of shipboard service.
- (d) An individual holding a license as master or mate of inspected steam or motor vessels of over 1,600 gross tons meets the service requirements of this